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Story transcript

Susan McNarn: [00:00:00] I think what I love about working for Hawksbury (Community Living Trust) is that I don't think there's many jobs where you can work where your sole focus is making people's lives better every single day. And I think walking around the Hawksbury homes, getting out and seeing our residents, I feel like we're doing a really good job of it.

Kim Morton: The history of Hawksbury came about with the de-institutionalisation of Cherry Farm, which is in the Hawksbury area up at Waikouaiti.

Richard Thomson: When we were looking to set up Hawksbury, I think there was still very much a feeling that people were better placed in these caring, loving, large institutions. And so, it was a battle at first to try and get people to understand that there could be a much better way.

Susan McNarn: Each home that Hawksbury has is really individualised; so what works in one home might not work in another, and we're constantly reviewing the needs of our residents and if there needs to be more support hours put in, just to make sure that each resident is living their life to the best of their ability.

We don't feel that Findex is an external organisation. They are part of Hawksbury.

Richard Thomson: [00:01:11] We use Findex at several levels; we obviously use them for day to day financial management, and payroll, and consultancy. They've got the experience of knowing what would be good for us, and can point us in the right direction.

Susan McNarn: We'd be lost without them.

Kim Morton: They're second to none. It's absolutely amazing. We've got a really incredible relationship with them.

Susan McNarn: Hawksbury's long term success is that we want to be the best residential provider, not just in the South Island, but in New Zealand.

Kim Morton: Every day, there is something that just warms my heart and soul. I see often people achieving, and I'm just extremely proud of who we are, where we are and who we've become over the last 29 years.

Michele McCutcheon: Hawksbury is really supportive in the way that they really love seeing people achieve, and giving people opportunities and choices, and giving them those tools to be able to do the things that they want to do.

And the key is opportunities. They are always looking and giving and allowing us to explore with our people, things that make people happy.

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